Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Saint Brigid and Our Lady of the Assumption

CHRISTMAS

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Isaiah 9:1

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
SAINT BRIGID ✝ OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Office

59 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527
Mon. - Thurs. 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM
(508) 865-6624 • **Fax:** (508) 865-3101
www.stbrigidparish.org

Assumption Parish Phone: (508) 865-2657
www.assumptionmillbury.org

Assumption School

17 Grove St.
Millbury, MA 01527
(508)865-5404
WWW.ASSUMPTIONSCHOOLMILLBURY.ORG
Julie Olson
Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach

774-262-5506

Mass Times

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Assumption Church
10 Waters Street
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass Times

Monday & Thursday
9:00AM

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00AM

All at Assumption Church

Parish Staff

Clergy

Rev. Daniel R. Mulcahy, Jr.
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Ronald B. Buron
Deacon
Facilities
Safe Environment

Administration

Ronald Marlborough
Buildings and Grounds

Pastoral Associates

Sister Jeanne Richard, S.A.S.V.
Pastoral Care Ministry Emerita

Gregory Bernard
Adolescent & Young Adult Faith Formation
Youth Ministry
Communications

Deborah R. Blicharz
Children's Faith Formation
Community Life and Outreach

Claudette Belair
Music Ministry

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated each month. To prepare for your child's Baptism, parents will attend a preparational session. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

Sat., December 26

4:00 PM **James Tabor**
By: His Family

Sun., December 27

7:00 AM **Rochelle Laporte**
By: Her loving family

9:00 AM **Roger Bourdeau, 29th Anniversary**
By: His wife Aline and family

11:00 AM **George Law, 3rd Anniversary**
By: His wife and children

Mon., December 28

No Mass

Tue., December 29

No Mass

Wed., December 30

7:00 AM **Lawrence Gilmond**
By: His Wife

The People of the Catholic Parishes of Millbury

Thu., December 31

9:00 AM **Claire Desrosiers**
By: Dorothy Byrd

Fri., January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9:00 AM **Alfred and Albertha Laime**
By: Their daughter Connie Cammuso

Sat., January 2

4:00 PM **Ann Mulcahy**
By: Rita Cogliandro

Sun., January 3

7:00 AM **In Honor of St. Jude**
By: Joanne Hanlon

9:00 AM **Ann Mulcahy**
By: Dot Cozzens

11:00 AM **Edward F. Wall, Birthday Remembrance**
By: The Family

Friday, Jan. 1, 9:00 AM at Assumption

AS: A. Seaman
L: C. Zabinski
EM: K. & D. Seaman

Saturday, Jan. 2, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid

AS: H. Prue
L: J. Hanratty
EM: T. & F. Jakubiak

Sunday, Jan. 3, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid

AS: J. Mazeika
L: J. Mazeika
EM: M. & B. Blunt

Sunday, Jan. 3, 9:00 AM at Assumption

AS: A. Seaman, A. Weeks
L: L. Flagg
EM: G. Pothier, C. Piorkowski

Sunday, Jan 3, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid

AS: M. Horner
L: G. Borus
EM: J. & J. Geneva

Scripture for the week of December 27, 2020

27	SUN	Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
28	Mon	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18
29	Tue	1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
30	Wed	1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
31	Thu	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
1	Fri	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
2	Sat	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
3	Sun	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Fr. Dan, Deacon Ron and the rest of the parish staff wish you a very blessed and merry Christmas, and happy and HEALTHY New Year!

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Lee Aubin
Maryann Auger
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Gregory Barlay
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Arthur G. Boucher
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
F. Joseph and Mary Brady
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Rita Cogliandro
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
George A. D'Auteuil, Jr.
George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Kathleen M. DeCillis

Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
Diane Dion
Joseph Dunn
Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Ruth Gonsorcik
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty A. Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Patricia Hamilton
Robert J. Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane
Claire Kobel
Richard Kroll

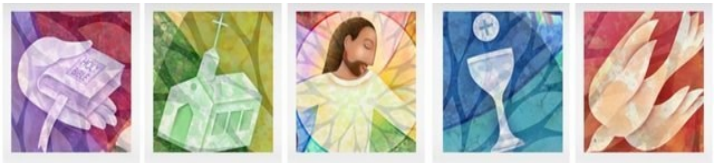
Michael P. Krumsiek
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
Edward L. Lemoine
Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Mark Lizotte
William and Irene Louis
Joseph Matthews
Margaret Matthews
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Ann Mulcahy
Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Evelyn Noonan
Joseph Noonan
Albert Nikosey
Charles F. O'Connor, Jr.
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Virginia Richnick
Arlene Riedle
Stephen Rodwill

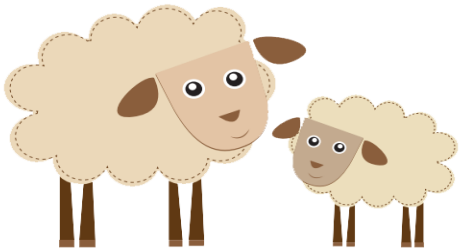
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Albert & June Russo
Bob & Rita Shea
Gino Silveri
Lucien Sirard
Maureen L. Stacy
C. Richard Stockhaus
Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
Robert E. Vaillancourt
Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Duane & Dolores Wunn
Frank J. Yaz

May They Rest in Peace

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

Youth & Family Faith Formation





Little Lambs

Given the increasing COVID-19 cases, we will be deferring the start of the Little Lambs program to the New Year. Please watch this space for updates.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas Season!

Faith Formation Upcoming Class Schedule

Grade 2	January 10 (Remote) 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Grades 3 & 4	January 3 (Remote) 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Grades 5 & 6	January 4 (Remote) 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Grades 7 & 8	January 3 (Remote) 7:00 - 8:00 PM
Grade 9 & 10	January 10 (Remote) 7:00 - 8:00 PM

ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE of WORCESTER

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Advent gives way to Christmas, we find ourselves in a continued state of waiting, longing and expectation for a promised vaccine. How our world has changed in a year!

Last Christmas, none of us had heard of COVID-19. Since then our lives, jobs, recreation and worship have been shaped by it. COVID precautions have led to COVID-fatigue as we long for a return to normal life.

Anxious waiting and expectation for the vaccine marks and impacts our celebrations. Gatherings in church and at home will be smaller, travel truncated, carols fewer, precautions increased and parties cancelled.

But Christmas is not cancelled. Our way of celebrating has changed, but our reason for celebrating remains the same. While the world awaits the arrival of a vaccine, we celebrate the arrival of the world's Savior.

We hope for a vaccine that for a time will ward off illness and death. The Divine Savior whose birth we celebrate gives us resurrection and reunion. We pray the vaccine will restore normal life on earth. The grace Christ offers promises eternal life in Heaven.

For two millennia Christians throughout the world have celebrated Christ's birth. Many of these Christmases have been marked by famine, plagues and wars. Through those hardships and others, Christians have found in Christ the strength, hope and joy to persevere, endure and triumph over all of life's uncertainties.

As we wait for the vaccine to come, let us rejoice, give thanks and find peace in the Savior who has already come, defeated sin and death and will come again to share His definitive triumph of eternal life.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Ministries

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

You did it again!

Once again your generosity has absolutely blown us away. In a year when nothing else has been normal, your spirit of giving has risen to the occasion again. After sorting through the gift cards, and distributing the extras evenly, YOU gave Pernet Family Health Services, Why Me Sherry's House and Bethany House,each $1,475 in gift cards. This, in addition to all the gifts for St. Vincent DePaul and Urban Missionaries, has truly made this Christmas merrier for many families. Thank you and God Bless you!

The parish offices will be closed December 24th through January 3rd.

If you need to speak to a priest, call the rectory at 508-865-2657 and leave a message.

Care for Creation Corner

The Book of Genesis tells us about God's creative acts and tells us that when God looked at all of creation, God proclaimed "that it was good - very good." In Genesis we also learned of God's expectation for us to cultivate, care for, and protect the earth, one another, and all of God's creatures!

Our communities of faith - through prayer and opportunities to reflect upon, enjoy or act on behalf of the Earth - will be inviting us to fulfill God's will to care for our common home.

What You Can Do!

Scientists say we are on the verge of the sixth mass extinction, but the first caused by humans. Revitalize your connection to nature. Support organizations that work to preserve natural habitats in land and seas.

Remember in Prayer this Week Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**

Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**

Andrew Hafferty

Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request.

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Line 508-865-6624

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call the confidential prayer line listed above.

Sanctuary Candles

Burning Dec. 26 - Jan. 1

At St. Brigid Church

In Loving Memory of

Rochelle Laporte

Requested by: Her loving Family

In Loving Memory of

James Tabor

Requested by: His Family

In Loving Memory of

Ronald LaBeau

Requested by: His sister Nancy

At Assumption Church

In Loving Memory of

William Russell

Requested by: His wife Carol and family

This Week

SATURDAY ~ DECEMBER 26
No Events

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 27
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ DECEMBER 28
AA @ SBH 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH 8:00 PM

TUESDAY ~ DECEMBER 29
OA @ SBH 6:30-8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY ~ DECEMBER 30
No Events

THURSDAY ~ DECEMBER 31
No Events

FRIDAY ~ JANUARY 1
No Events

Happy New Year!

SATURDAY ~ JANUARY 2
No Events

SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 3
SVDP FOOD DRIVE @ SBH 12:00 PM
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

KEY TO LOCATIONS

SBC=St. Brigid Church
SBH=St. Brigid Hall
CPO=Catholic Parish Office
OLAC=Assumption Church
OLAH=Assumption Hall
OLAS=Assumption School

INFORMATION FOR REMOTE MASS ON LIVESTREAM AND LOCAL CABLE ACCESS

We will continue to live stream the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass weekly on Facebook Live until further notice. Visit www.facebook.com/catholicmillbury for the live link or to view later. Tune in to Millbury Public Access TV for rebroadcast of the Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil Mass which can be found at Charter Channel 194 and Verizon Channel 28. You can view the Mass Sundays at 9:00 AM, Mondays at 2:00 PM, Tuesdays at 6:00 PM and Fridays at 2:00 PM.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Blood Pressure Clinic
Every Tuesday from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM.
The Blood Pressure Clinic is held inside now.
Come to the front door and we will escort you from there!
Masks are required, along with social distancing!

"Grab & Go Meals"
Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door, 11:30 AM. The menu is available on the town website www.townofmillbury.org, or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page.
A 48 hour reservation is required.
For more information or reservations call us at 508-865-9154.

EXERCISE IN THE GARDEN
The center is closed at this time, but all are welcome to continue light exercise in the garden on Mondays and Fridays 9:30 – 10:15 AM.
Weather permitting & social distancing is a must!

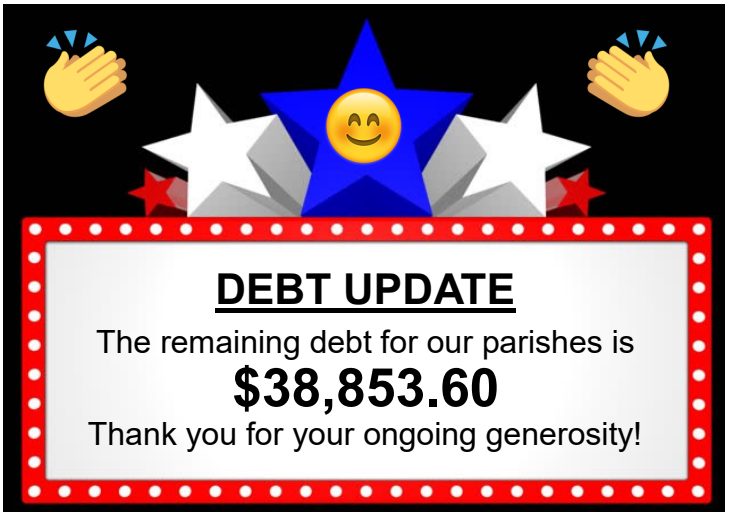
FINANCIALS

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Income
December 6, 2020

Regular Weekly Collection	**$3,623.00**
Ordinary Collection Monthly	N/A
Online Giving	$2,426.00
Total Regular Weekly Collection	**$6,049.00**
Other Parish Income:	
Debt *(incl. online when appl.)*	$314.00
Specialty Ministries *(incl. online when appl.)*	$295.00
Utilities *(incl. online when applicable)*	$435.00
Mass Stipends	$30.00
Grand Annual	$487.00
Donation	$15.00
OLA Reimbursement	$150.00
Solemnity of Mary	$197.00
In Remembrance	$250.00
St. Vincent de Paul	$100.00
Hall Rental	$150.00
Christmas Flowers	$754.00
Christmas	$461.00
Christmas Special Offering	$373.00
Immaculate Conception	$90.00
All Saints	$49.00
Total Other Income	**$4,150.00**
Total Income	**$10,199.00**

Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Cash Flow
December 9, 2020

Payroll	$4,290.14
PayChex, Inc. *(Payroll Processing Fees)*	$74.20
Payroll Taxes	$1,693.26
RC Bishop of Worc. *(Pension.)*	$462.95
Parish Credit Card *(Altar,Music,Office)*	$1,128.34
True Pest Control	$150.00
J.E. Bengston *(Snow Removal)*	$400.00
UMM Hauling *(Waste Removal)*	$117.80
Ray's True Value *(Maint.)*	$313.25
Clergy Benefits	$528.50
Total monies paid	**$9,158.44**



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS
Third Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: First Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: First Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST

THE PANTRY IS IN NEED OF:
Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Pancake Syrup,
Paper Goods, Snacks

Please No Perishable, Expired Dates, or Pet Food.

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family.
Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event.
In this poverty heaven's glory was made manifest.
The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night.
~ Catechism of the Catholic Church (no 525)

Assumption School
Millbury, MA
A legacy of learning...a history with heart

Assumption School
17 Grove Street, Millbury, MA

As the birth of Jesus approaches, Assumption School wishes everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year! Enjoy time with family during this joyous time.

Merry Christmas

God of Mary and Joseph, of shepherds and animals, bless us whenever we gaze on this manger scene.

Through all the days of Christmas may these figures tell the story of how humans, angels and animals found Christ in this poor place.

Fill our home with hospitality, joy, gentleness and thanksgiving, and guide our steps in the way of peace.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

COVID-19

ENTER/EXIT: Use the front doors only at both churches for entry and exit. Only in an emergency, should the nearest safe exit be used. Please go directly to and from your vehicles before and after Mass.

ACCESSIBILITY: Anyone needing the accessible elevette at Assumption Church will still be able to do so via the rear hall door.

COVER UP: Masks must be worn at all times in the church except when it is time to receive Holy Communion.

SEATING: Every other pew has been taped-off closed for social distancing. In each open pew we have marked off, with stickers or tape, six feet of spacing as a point of reference. Families/Households sitting together do not need to safe distance.

WALK THIS WAY: All aisles are marked with arrows on the floor to allow for safe flow of traffic during Communion.

COMMUNION: Only the Body of Christ will be offered for the foreseeable future. Please practice six feet of social distancing at all times during communion.

SIGN OF PEACE: Please use a non-contact sign of peace with a friendly wave to those around you.

PROCESSIONS: The priest, deacon and ministers will not process via the center aisle before or after Mass.

SANITIZE: While we will have some hand sanitizer pump bottles accessible in both churches, we encourage all to bring their own personal size supply to Mass if possible.

FILL IN THE GAPS

The sentences below are missing key words. Can you find the correct ones? (They are all in today's readings.)

1. He _____ up _____ who _____ his mother.
2. My son, take care of your _____ when he is old; _____ him not as _____ as he lives.
3. Children, _____ your parents in _____, for this is _____ to the Lord.
4. They _____ him up to _____ to _____ him to the Lord.
5. The child grew and became _____, filled with _____; and the _____ of God was upon him.

ANSWERS

1. stores, riches, reveres 2. father, grieve, long
3. obey, everything, pleasing 4. took, Jerusalem, present
5. strong, wisdom, favor